

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
APPROPRIATIONS**

Tuesday, September 25, 2007

1: 50 p.m.

Room 352, State Capitol

The House Standing Committee on Appropriations was called to order by the Chairman, Representative George Cushingberry, Jr.

An Invocation was offered by Chairman Cushingberry.

Members present: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss and Nofs.

Members Absent/excused: Representative Agema.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee HB 5257

HB 5257 Hammon                      Businesses; nonprofit corporations; filing fees; revise.

Representative Hammel made opening remarks to the bill.

Representative Hammel moved to adopt Substitute (H-1) to HB 5257.

Representative LeBlanc supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 25-1-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: Representative Brandenburg.

PASS: None.

Representative Hammel moved to report with recommendation HB 5257 as Substitute (H-1).

Representative McDowell supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-1-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza,

Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: Representative Brandenburg.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee HB 5258

HB 5258      Hammel      Businesses; limited liability companies; filing fees; revise

Richard Child, Analyst from the House Fiscal Agency answered questions of the Members.

Representative Hammel moved to adopt Substitute (H-1) to HB 5258.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-1-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: Representative Brandenburg.

PASS: None.

Representative Hammel moved to report HB 5258 with recommendation as Substitute (H-1).

Representative Lahti supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Agema, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee HB 4847.

HB 4847    Hood                      Traffic control; driver license; increased fees for operator and chauffeur licenses added by 1987 PA 232; credit to the general fund for certain fiscal years.

William Hamilton, Analyst for the House Fiscal Agency answered questions of the members.

Representative Gonzales moved to adopt the following amendments to HB 4847.

1. Amend page 2, line 12, after “**UNDER**” by striking out the balance of the line through “**(5)**” on line 13 and inserting “**SUBSECTION (4)**”.
2. Amend page 2, line 22, by striking out all of subsection **(5)**.

Representative Bauer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Representative Hood moved to report HB 5258 with recommendation as Substitute (H-1).

Representative Gonzales supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 21-7-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Acciavatti, Brandenburg, Amos, Caul, Proos, and Moss.

NAYS: Representatives LeBlanc, Vagnozzi, Caswell, Shaffer, Booher, Hansen, and Nofs.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee The State Building Authority Leases and recognized Representative Hood for explanation of the resolutions.

Al Valenzio, Analyst from the House Fiscal Agency answered questions of the members.

HCR 30    Robert Jones	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and the Board of Trustees of Western Michigan University relative to the Western Michigan University Brown Hall Renovations/Addition.
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Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 30 with recommendation.

Representative Bennett supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 31.

HCR 31    Miller	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and Macomb Community College relative to the Macomb Community College Health Sciences and Technology Classroom Building.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 31 with recommendation.

Representative Acciavatti supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 32.

HCR 32    Miller	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and Macomb Community College relative to the Macomb Community College Emergency Services Training Center.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 32 with recommendation.

Representative Brandenburg supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 34.

HCR 34    Hood	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and Alpena Community College relative to the Alpena Community College Instructional Addition/Renovation.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 34 with recommendation.

Representative Espinoza supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 28-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 35.

HCR 35    Hood	A concurrent resolution approving a lease between the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority relative to the Department of Management and Budget State Facility Preservation Projects, Phase I, Phase II, Group E, Special Maintenance Projects (the "Facility").
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Al Valenzio, Analyst from the House Fiscal Agency answered questions of the members.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 35 with recommendation.

Representative Spade supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 29-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 37.

HCR 37    Warren	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease among the State of Michigan, the State Building Authority, and the Regents of the University of Michigan relative to the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor Observatory Lodge Renovations.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 37 with recommendation.

Representative supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 29-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Tobocman, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry called on Mitch Bean, Director of the House Fiscal for a presentation and overview of proposed cuts included in Senate Bill 511.

Further explanations were provided by House Fiscal Agency Staff members:

Mark Wolf provided overview to the Committee regarding Attorney General Cuts.  
Sue Fry and Margaret Alston provided overview to the Committee regarding Community Health.  
Kirk Lindquist provided overview to the Committee on cuts to the Department of Environmental Quality.  
Bob Schneider provided overview to the Committee on Human Services.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 44.

HCR 44    Hood	A concurrent resolution to approve the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease between the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority relative to the Department of Information Technology Michigan Public Safety Communication System Critical Platform Upgrades.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 44 with recommendation.

Representative Jackson supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 45.

HCR 45    Hood	A concurrent resolution approving the conveyance of property to the State Building Authority and approving a lease between the State of Michigan and the State Building Authority relative to the Department of Management and Budget Capitol Complex Renovations.
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Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 45 with recommendation.

Representative Bauer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry laid before the Committee House Concurrent Resolution 46.

HCR 46    Hood                      A concurrent resolution to revise the total project cost of the Health Program Expansion and Information Commons project at Jackson Community College.

Representative Hood gave an explanation of the resolution.

Representative Hood moved to report House Concurrent Resolution 46 with recommendation.

Representative Byrnes supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry placed the Legislative Transfers for the Departments of State Police and Corrections before the committee.

Margaret Alston, House Fiscal Agency Transfer Coordinator, made opening remarks regarding the transfers.

Jan Wisniewski, Analyst for the House Fiscal answered questions.

Representative Smith moved to approve the transfer for the Department of Corrections.

Representative Shaffer supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Amos, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.



PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry recognized Matt Bolger from the Michigan State Police to answer member's questions on the State Police transfer.

Representative LeBlanc moved to approve the transfer for the Department of State Police.

Representative Nofs supported the motion.

The motion prevailed by a vote of 27-0-0.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

YEAS: Representatives Cushingberry, Gillard, Bauer, Bennett, Byrnes, Cheeks, Espinoza, Gonzales, Hammel, Hood, Jackson, Lahti, LeBlanc, McDowell, Alma Smith, Spade, Vagnozzi, Acciavatti, Caswell, Shaffer, Brandenburg, Booher, Caul, Hansen, Proos, Moss, and Nofs.

NAYS: None.

PASS: None.

Chairman Cushingberry placed before the committee SB 774.

SB 774	Switalski	Taxation; hotel-motel tax; allowing convention facilities development funds to be used for the general fund; provide for.
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Committee Stood at ease at the call of the chair.

There being no further business before the committee, Chairman Cushingberry adjourned the meeting from the House floor, the time being 5:45 p.m.

**Representative George Cushingberry, Jr. Chair**\_\_\_\_\_

Darlene Moore, Committee Clerk, (517) 373-2994